



Career and Interest Exploration

CAREGIVER #1:

If you love what you do, you'll never work a day in your life.

CAREGIVER #2:

I wanted my daughter to love her job.

CAREGIVER #3:

I wanted my son to study something that interested him.

CAREGIVER #4:

At first, I didn't know which career would be right for him...

CAREGIVER #2:

...but with some research on-line...

CAREGIVER #5:

...at job fairs around the state...

CAREGIVER #3:

...talking with guidance counselors...

CAREGIVER #1:

...and job shadowing experienced professionals...

CAREGIVER #2:

...we found the right career for him.

CAREGIVER #5:

...and in a job that he'll love...

CAREGIVER #1:

I wanted my daughter to love her job...so she'll never work a day in her life.

NARRATOR:

Do you notice certain things that your child truly enjoys?

Recognizing what really excites them is the first step in finding your child's future path. Talk to them about the things they love to do. Is there something they could see themselves doing every day and still enjoy it?

Maybe they love to help people. They could have a job as a doctor, nurse or other medical professional. Maybe you're amazed by their imagination. They may do well as a writer, artist, scientist or researcher.

Once they've discovered their interests and passions, they can start searching for the right career. But remind them to be patient. It can take some time.

There are tools to help. Have your child ask their school counselor about job shadowing opportunities, or if they can show you and your child websites that match personal interests with possible careers. One great resource is RUReadyND.com. It is also helpful to read news articles and brochures that talk about what kinds of workers will be needed in coming years due to changes in technology or how people live.

But don't forget: no career will be possible unless your child realizes school is important to grow and develop their talents and skills. So remind your child to go to class, pay attention and work hard.

Give them healthy support so they build on their skills, and fulfill their purpose.

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